

## Tagging, Transport and Possession

- Upon killing a turkey, you must immediately validate the Carcass Tag by slitting the corresponding month and day of kill; then attach the tag to the featherless part of the turkey's leg with a string or other tie.
- You may not carry by hand, possess or transport a turkey unless you have lawfully killed and tagged the turkey.

## Registration

You must register your turkey no later than 5:00 **PM** the day after it is killed. **Turkeys may be registered at any turkey registration station in Wisconsin.** A metal registration tag will be attached to lawfully taken turkeys; keep this tag until the meat has been eaten. For a list of registration stations call your local DNR Service Center or visit the DNR website [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov).

## Assisting Other Hunters

- No license is required to call turkeys for another hunter if the caller does not possess a firearm or bow.
- A guide license is required if the hunting assistant charges a fee.
- You may not shoot or attempt to shoot a turkey for another hunter.

## Reduce Crippling Losses

- Pattern your gun to know at what distances you have an effective pattern (at least 6 pellets in skull and neck vertebrae).
- Avoid shooting beyond 35 yards.
- Aim for the base of the featherless portion of the neck—not at the head.
- Never shoot at a flying turkey.
- Be prepared for a second shot if necessary.

## Focus on Safety

- Do not wear red, blue or white—the color of a gobbler's head.
- Consider wearing blaze orange when moving from place to place.
- When another hunter approaches, never wave, stand or sound a turkey call; use your voice or whistle instead.
- Avoid stalking turkeys. Use decoys with caution.
- Select calling or ambush sites with your back to a tree at least as wide as your shoulders and where you can see at least 40 yards in all directions.
- Never assume you are the only hunter in the woods.
- Be certain no one is beyond the turkey you shoot at.

## Questions?

Call the DNR Call Center toll-free at:  
**1-888-WDNR INFO (1-888-936-7463)**

**Local 608-266-2621.**

**Staff are available 7 days a week from 7 AM–10 PM.**  
**Hmong and Spanish are spoken.**



**FALL 2008**

# Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations

**Season dates: Sept. 13–Nov. 20**



*2008 Turkey Stamp Art by John Nemec, Jr.*

## What's New for 2008:

- The number of turkey hunting zones has been reduced to seven large zones instead of the 46 zone structure. There is still the same amount of total turkey hunting area and the permit process will remain the same. Each of the new zones combine a number of smaller zones to give hunters more flexibility to move about in search of wild turkeys.
- In the Fall 2008 season **ONLY**, hunters **may use dogs** to hunt wild turkeys **IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES ONLY**: Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, Sauk, Vernon and Wood. This is a pilot program that may be extended for the 2009 Fall season as well. Check the *2009 Fall Turkey Regulations* for more information.
- Blaze orange clothing and **blaze orange on ground blinds** is required for turkey hunters **statewide** during the youth gun deer hunt (**Oct. 11-12**), and during the Oct. gun deer hunt in certain units (**Oct. 16-19**). See inside for more information.



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## Turkey Permits

- **Deadlines:** The application deadlines are **August 1** for the 2008 Fall, and **December 10** for the 2009 Spring hunting seasons. A \$3.00 application fee is required. Conservation Patron License holders are exempt from the \$3.00 fee.
- **Permit Drawing System:** Turkey permit distribution methods are determined by state law. Turkey permits are distributed by drawing using a preference system that determines which applications go into the drawing first, second, etc. First preference is resident landowners (owning 50 or more contiguous acres), second preference is residents who applied for, but did not receive, a spring permit the previous year, third preference is all other residents. Nonresident landowners followed by other nonresident applicants are fourth and fifth preference, respectively. Cumulative preference is used for Spring and Fall Turkey hunting permits. Spring and Fall applications are tracked separately.
- **Additional Fall Turkey Permits:** If the number of turkey permits exceeds the number of applicants for a specific zone, the DNR may issue any remaining tags through a second drawing, from DNR service centers or through ALIS vendors on a first-come first-served basis. Check with your nearest DNR service center or online to find out how these tags will be distributed. The fee for these permits will be \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. Residents will be required to pay an additional \$20.25 and non-residents an additional \$65.25 for a 2008 Fall Turkey License and Stamp unless they have previously purchased this license and stamp or are a 2008 Conservation Patron license holder. Residents and non-residents will have equal opportunity to purchase these permits. Purchasing these permits will not affect your preference status for future Spring or Fall Turkey Permit drawings.
- **Fort McCoy Reservation:** Application information can be found under Recreation Opportunities at [www.mccoy.army.mil](http://www.mccoy.army.mil) or by calling the Permit Sales Office at 608-388-3337. *Note: You may not apply for a Fort McCoy Fall Turkey Permit if you plan to or have already applied for a Fall Turkey Permit in a state of Wisconsin turkey hunting zone. This policy is different from the one that applies to Spring hunting.*

## Blaze Orange

- **New in 2008,** it is illegal to use a ground blind for turkey hunting on DNR managed lands during any gun deer season **unless** the outside of the blind displays a **minimum of 144 square inches** of blaze orange material that is visible **360 degrees around the blind**.
- Turkey hunters must wear at least 50% blaze orange above the waist during any gun deer season.

## Baiting

- No person shall hunt by the aid of baiting or on or over a baited area where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the complete removal of the bait.

## License/Stamp/Carcass Tag Requirements

- To hunt turkeys with a firearm or bow, successful applicants (notified by a postcard that indicates the zone for which their permit is valid) must purchase a 2008 Fall Turkey License/Stamp/Carcass Tag combination and carry it with them while hunting and display it to a warden upon request.
- **Current fees:** resident license \$15.00; non-resident license \$60.00. A \$5.25 stamp privilege fee is automatically added unless the customer purchased a 2008 Spring Turkey License/Stamp/Carcass Tag. You may receive the actual stamp at a DNR Service Center for no additional charge.
- **Exceptions:** Conservation Patron holders will receive their tag in the mail. Successful applicants, who purchased a Senior Citizen Recreation Card prior to January 1, 1992, may obtain their tag for free at any license agent. They are required to carry their Recreation Card while hunting.
- Both residents and non-residents can purchase their License/Stamp/Carcass Tag at any DNR Service Center, License Agent, by calling 1-877-945-4236, or online at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov).
- All qualified members of the armed forces may purchase a Fall Turkey License at the resident fee, if successful in obtaining a Fall Turkey Permit. **A qualified member of the armed forces is a person who exhibits proof that he or she is in active service in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated in the U.S. armed forces and that he or she is stationed in this state.**
- It is illegal to transfer a License/Stamp/Carcass Tag to another hunter or allow its use by anyone else, except that any person may transfer their Fall Turkey License/Stamp/Tag to a person age 12-17. A youth may be transferred a Fall Turkey License/Stamp/Tag one time only. Transfers must take place no later than August 29th.

## Bag Limit

The bag limit is one turkey of any age or sex per Carcass Tag. Note: Turkeys with white plumage may be harvested and must be tagged in accordance with proper tagging procedures.

## Other Restrictions

You may **not** hunt turkeys:

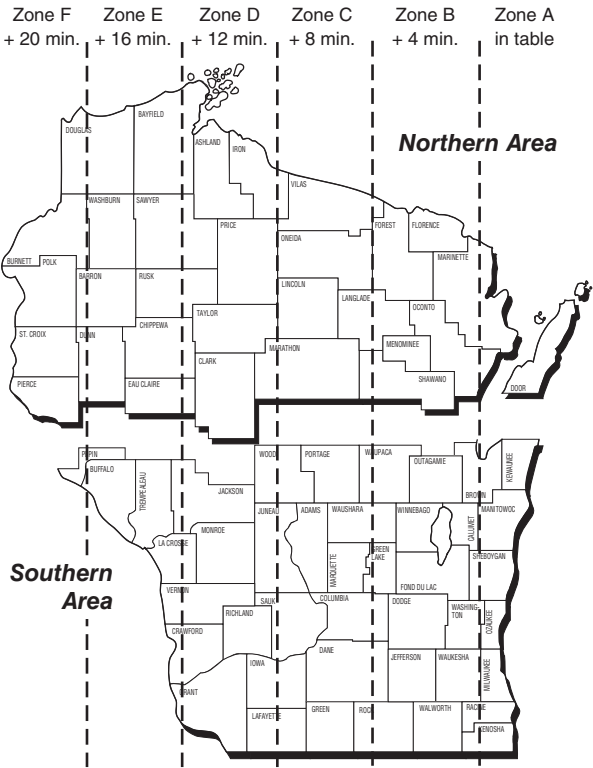
1. By any means other than a shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun fired from the shoulder, or a bow and arrow.
2. With crossbows, which are not legal to use except by the following:
  - (a) Resident or non-resident disabled hunters issued a Crossbow permit or a Class A, a Class B Crossbow or a Class C permit that authorizes hunting with a crossbow.
  - (b) Resident hunters 65 years of age or older.

**Note:** When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a working safety, and use at least 14 inch long bolts or arrows equipped with broadheads. **Bows that are equipped with a Draw-Lock mechanism that holds the bow at full draw are considered crossbows, but are exempt from the 100 pound minimum requirement.**

3. With or while in possession of shotshells loaded with shot larger than no. 4 lead, no. 2 steel, or other no. 4 non-steel shot; duplex loads containing any shot larger than no. 4 lead or no. 2 steel are also **NOT** legal.
4. With the aid of recorded bird calls or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds, nor while *in possession* of any type of device that produces recorded or electronic amplification of bird calls or sounds.
5. With the aid of dogs. **Except** dogs may be used in Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, Sauk, Vernon and Wood Counties during the **Fall 2008 season**. Dogs **may** be allowed for these counties in 2009 as well. See the *2009 Fall Turkey Regulations* for more information.
6. With live or electronic decoys for the purposes of enticing turkeys.
7. From or across a highway or within 50 feet of the center of the roadway.

Hunting Time Zones

- To determine the opening (AM) time for all zones except “A”, add the minutes shown to the Zone A time listed in either the Northern or Southern Area Hunting Hours Table.



Hunting Hours

- Fall turkey hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset each day. Wisconsin’s hunting time zones are on the map above.

	Northern Area Hunting Hours		Southern Area Hunting Hours	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Sept. 13	5:57	7:24	5:58	7:24
Sept. 14	5:58	7:22	6:00	7:22
Sept. 15	5:59	7:20	6:01	7:20
Sept. 16	6:00	7:18	6:02	7:18
Sept. 17	6:01	7:16	6:03	7:17
Sept. 18	6:03	7:15	6:04	7:15
Sept. 19	6:04	7:13	6:05	7:13
Sept. 20	6:05	7:11	6:06	7:11
Sept. 21	6:06	7:09	6:08	7:09
Sept. 22	6:08	7:07	6:09	7:07
Sept. 23	6:09	7:05	6:10	7:06
Sept. 24	6:10	7:03	6:11	7:04
Sept. 25	6:11	7:01	6:12	7:02
Sept. 26	6:13	6:59	6:13	7:00
Sept. 27	6:14	6:57	6:14	6:58
Sept. 28	6:15	6:55	6:16	6:56
Sept. 29	6:16	6:53	6:17	6:55
Sept. 30	6:18	6:51	6:18	6:53
Oct. 1	6:19	6:49	6:19	6:51
Oct. 2	6:20	6:47	6:20	6:49
Oct. 3	6:22	6:46	6:21	6:47
Oct. 4	6:23	6:44	6:23	6:46
Oct. 5	6:24	6:42	6:24	6:44
Oct. 6	6:25	6:40	6:25	6:42
Oct. 7	6:27	6:38	6:26	6:40
Oct. 8	6:28	6:36	6:27	6:39
Oct. 9	6:29	6:34	6:29	6:37
Oct. 10	6:31	6:33	6:30	6:35
Oct. 11	6:32	6:31	6:31	6:33
Oct. 12	6:33	6:29	6:32	6:32
Oct. 13	6:35	6:27	6:33	6:30
Oct. 14	6:36	6:25	6:35	6:28
Oct. 15	6:37	6:24	6:36	6:27
Oct. 16	6:39	6:22	6:37	6:25
Oct. 17	6:40	6:20	6:38	6:23
Oct. 18	6:41	6:18	6:40	6:22
Oct. 19	6:43	6:17	6:41	6:20
Oct. 20	6:44	6:15	6:42	6:19
Oct. 21	6:45	6:13	6:43	6:17
Oct. 22	6:47	6:12	6:45	6:15
Oct. 23	6:48	6:10	6:46	6:14
Oct. 24	6:49	6:08	6:47	6:12
Oct. 25	6:51	6:07	6:48	6:11
Oct. 26	6:52	6:05	6:50	6:09
Oct. 27	6:54	6:04	6:51	6:08
Oct. 28	6:55	6:02	6:52	6:06
Oct. 29	6:56	6:01	6:54	6:05
Oct. 30	6:58	5:59	6:55	6:04
Oct. 31	6:59	5:58	6:56	6:02
Nov. 1	7:01	5:56	6:57	6:01
Nov. 2	6:02	4:55	5:59	5:00
Nov. 3	6:04	4:53	6:00	4:58
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# Fall 2008 Wild Turkey Management Zones

You may only hunt in the  
zone specified on your  
Turkey Hunting Permit and  
Carcass Tag.

Report Hunting Violations

**CALL 1-800-TIP-WDNR**

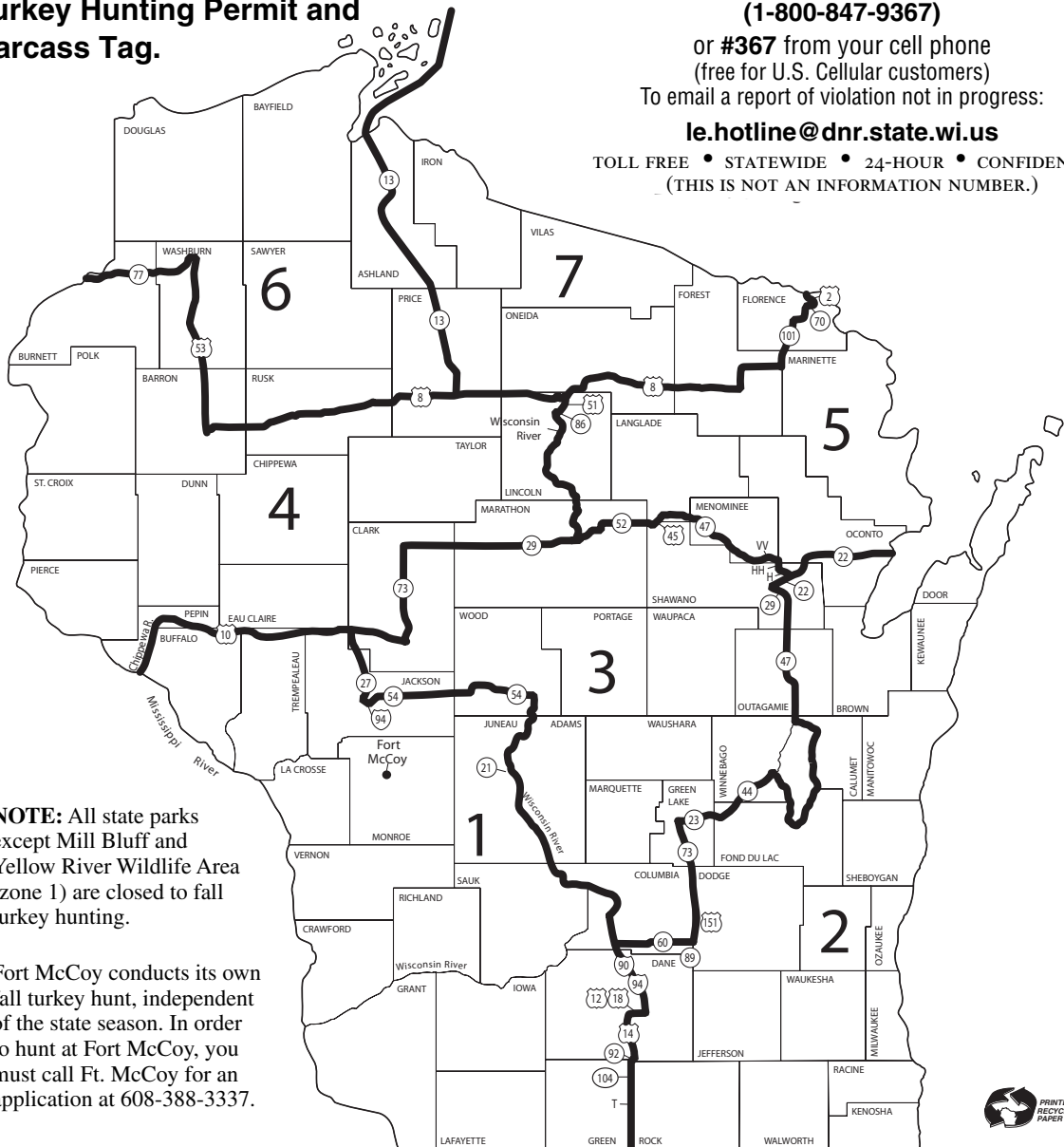
**(1-800-847-9367)**

or **#367** from your cell phone  
(free for U.S. Cellular customers)

To email a report of violation not in progress:

**le.hotline@dnr.state.wi.us**

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**NOTE:** All state parks  
except Mill Bluff and  
Yellow River Wildlife Area  
(zone 1) are closed to fall  
turkey hunting.

Fort McCoy conducts its own  
fall turkey hunt, independent  
of the state season. In order  
to hunt at Fort McCoy, you  
must call Ft. McCoy for an  
application at 608-388-3337.



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